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COUNCIL AGENDAS WITH ANALYSTS' PACKETS NOW AVAILABLE ON LINE

Following the goings-on in Montgomery County government just got easier.

The Montgomery County Council today announced that agendas for Council sessions and Council committee meetings, complete with Council analysts' packets chock full of details, are now available on-line via the County Council's web site.

"County residents will now have access at their fingertips to the full packet of information that Councilmembers have in making decisions on issues that range from schools and transportation to zoning and county budget choices," said Council President Steve Silverman. "Montgomery County has a long and respected history of citizen involvement. The more information citizens have, the better the feedback for those of us who serve as elected officials."

The packets for individual Council agenda items typically include the text of bills or appropriation requests, analysis by Council staff, and opinions pro and con on the particular items – as well as charts and maps. The materials are generally available on the web at least two days before the Council session or committee meeting.

This improvement comes on the heels of the start of videostreaming of Council sessions via the Council website inaugurated several months ago.

To access the Council agendas and packets on the Internet, go to: www.co.mo.md.us/council. Click on "Agendas and Minutes" and then on "Current Council or Committee Agenda with background materials". You can also access them via the County Government's Intranet portal: mcgov.org. Click on the "County Council" link and then click on "Council Agenda." To access video or audio streaming, go the same website and click on "Live! Council Sessions."

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